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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 32

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

DANICE R. PICRAUX

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN COORDINATION WITH OTHERS, TO STUDY METHODS TO COMBAT THE EPIDEMIC OF YOUTH SMOKING IN NEW MEXICO AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAYS TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TEEN SMOKERS WHILE MINIMIZING THE STATE'S EXPENDITURES ON DIRECT HEALTH CARE COSTS ATTRIBUTED TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

WHEREAS, over four hundred thousand Americans died from tobacco use in 1995, more than those who died from alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, homicide, illegal drugs and fires, combined; and

WHEREAS, today one thousand one hundred Americans will die from tobacco use, three thousand kids will start to smoke, and one thousand of those children will ultimately die from tobacco use; and

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1 WHEREAS, more than three million American children and
2 teenagers smoke, eighty-nine percent of whom started before age
3 eighteen; and

4 WHEREAS, recent data show an alarming increase in smoking
5 by high school and junior high school students between 1991 and
6 1994, rising thirty percent among eighth graders; and

7 WHEREAS, most recent figures report that over two thousand
8 New Mexicans will die as a result of smoking this year, and
9 thirty-three percent of New Mexican youth in grades nine through
10 twelve have smoked in the past month, a rate higher than the
11 national average and as high as tobacco-producing states; and

12 WHEREAS, the direct cost to the health care system in New
13 Mexico as a result of smoking is staggering, costing over one
14 hundred twenty million dollars (\$120,000,000) in 1993; and

15 WHEREAS, the taxpayers of New Mexico in 1993 paid over
16 twenty-six million dollars (\$26,000,000) in medicaid and
17 medicare expenditures directly related to smoking; and

18 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico has not convened a
19 broad-based panel of experts to conduct a comprehensive review
20 of such issues as youth access to tobacco products, the impact
21 of cigarette advertising on teens, the effectiveness of current
22 prevention programs, the viability of tobacco excise tax
23 increases as a prevention tool and the government's growing
24 costs in health care as a result of tobacco use;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health be requested
2 to convene policymakers and interested parties from at least the
3 following organizations: the New Mexico cancer research and
4 treatment center, the American cancer society, the American
5 heart association, the American lung association, the New Mexico
6 hospitals and health systems association, the alliance for a
7 healthy future New Mexico, the American association of retired
8 persons, consumers union, representatives from private for-
9 profit hospitals, representatives from the tobacco industry and
10 representatives from the business community to:

11 A. identify smoking rates for adults and children in
12 New Mexico;

13 B. identify sources and information on government
14 direct health care costs related to smoking, youth access of
15 tobacco products, marketing practices of the tobacco industry
16 and the success and failure of prevention programs;

17 C. develop recommendations to improve the prevention
18 of smoking by young people, while reducing the cost to
19 government associated with medicaid and medicare;

20 D. study various approaches used by other states to
21 reduce teen smoking, including educational programs, public
22 service advertising and excise taxation;

23 E. identify ways to streamline the state's delivery
24 of services as it related to cessation, youth access to tobacco
25 products, medicaid and medicare payments related to tobacco use;

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1 F. recommend a comprehensive approach to reducing
2 youth smoking in New Mexico by the year 2000; and

3 G. report to the legislature's health care task
4 force, the legislative health and human services committee and
5 the revenue stabilization and tax policy committee by October 1,
6 1996; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the secretary of health, the secretary of
9 taxation and revenue, the president of the board of advisors of
10 the university of New Mexico cancer research and treatment
11 center, the American cancer society, the American heart
12 association, the American lung association, the New Mexico
13 hospitals and health systems association, the alliance for a
14 healthy future New Mexico, the president of the New Mexico
15 chapter of the American association of retired persons,
16 consumers union and designees for the other specified
17 representatives.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 1, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted _____

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4 The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 10

6 Excused: Lujan, Olguin, Rodella, R. G. Sanchez, S. M Williams

7 Absent: None

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FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 8, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary K. King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Abeyta, Baca,
Sandel, Vigil

Absent: None

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SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 15, 1996

Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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Yes: 7

No: Robinson

Excused: E. Jennings

Absent: None

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